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As a recreational fisherman in Northern California, I am very much concerned about the sustainability of our marine fisheries. Their success depends heavily on proper management as well as continuing scientific studies to explore and determine the health and viability of the involved fish species. It is only by carefully considering this data that we are capable of making informed decisions. I find it utterly appalling to read that the SAT, BRTF, and other involved task forces and committees have been relying on antiquated population data and anecdotal evidence of by-catch numbers, despite ongoing efforts to provide more current numbers. Though I am in support of rotating (finite) moratoriums on various fish species, with financial relief for those individuals/businesses affected, I do not subscribe to the nuclear option of completely and indefinitely shutting down California's coastline. That said, I express my utmost support for the MLPA Proposal 2, wherein a far-more agreeable management solution is offered that will both promote further intensive study as well as keeping California's coastline available to the individuals who love to share in its beauty and resources.

Respectfully,
Joe Russell